

CAR WRAP SCAM!!! Pioneer does not send checks to individuals – we deal with other companies. If someone wants you to have your car wrapped with advertising know that it is CERTAINLY A SCAM. WE DO NOT ADVERTISE!

FRAUD ALERT!!! If you receive a check purporting to be from Pioneer Oil and Gas for items on Craig's List, Ebay etc. or are asked to cash the check and send part of the proceeds Western Union to someone else then know that the check will not be honored and you are the victim of a scam. It takes a few days for checks to clear and just because the bank tells you we have sufficient funds does not mean it will clear. We use a positive pay system and any check that does not match will be returned and you will be charged a return fee as well. Please call us at (801) 566-3000 if you are suspicious. These thieves are very clever and the checks look authentic.

We have filed a complaint with the FBI regarding this matter. The case number is I1401291535438122. Please contact the FBI if you receive a fraudulent check and give them the case number.

Please see the following warning from Craig's List: <http://www.craigslist.org/about/scams>

Secret Shopper Scam.

Arizona consumers are being warned about a scam involving phony advertisements for employment as a secret shopper, mystery shopper, or investigative shopper. Whether or not you live in Arizona, these tips could save you money and heartache later on.

The scam might work this way: People respond to an ad looking for a mystery shopper or a secret shopper. When they contact the company about the position, they are told they can earn money by purchasing items at different stores or dining at different restaurants. The company then sends an employment packet. The packet includes business evaluation forms, a training assignment, and an official looking check, often ranging between \$2,000 and \$4,000. The training assignment is to cash the check, pose as a customer, and wire the money to an address provided by the scammer. The scam is that the check is fake. The check bounces after the person wires the money, leaving the person liable for the fake check. People who apply for the secret shopper or mystery shopper jobs are told by the company that they have only 48 hours to complete the assignment or they will lose the job.

Arizona's Attorney General says, "Consumers need to know that a legitimate company will never send you a check out of the blue or require you to send money to someone you have never met. The scam artists use realistic looking documents, the 'secret' nature of the job, and the 48-hour deadline to pressure consumers into cashing the check and wiring the money quickly before the bank or the consumer can determine it was a fake check. By then, it's too late."

The address the scammer uses is fake but since the wire is sent Western Union all the scammer has to do is show up with phony ID showing the phony address to claim the funds.